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Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A valve in a filter having a valve body that is installed in a valve housing and is displaceable between a closed position and an open position, wherein the valve housing comprises an elastically deformable clamping collar that protrudes radially relative to an outer housing wall, penetrates partially into a part of the filter and that is configured in such a way that a tangent lying in a longitudinal valve plane and applied to the outer clamping rim forms an angle of less than 90° with the longitudinal valve axis.

2. (Original) A valve according to claim 1, wherein said valve is a liquid filter valve.

3. (Original) A valve according to claim 1, wherein the clamping collar is convex.

4. (Original) A valve according to claim 1, wherein the clamping collar is conical.

5. (Original) A valve according to claim 1, wherein the clamping collar is disposed in the area of an axial end face of the valve housing.

6. (Original) A valve according to claim 1, wherein a circumferential, radially protruding shoulder is disposed on the outer wall of the valve housing parallel to the clamping collar.

7. (Original) A valve according to claim 6, further comprising a gasket inserted into a circumferential groove formed axially between the clamping collar and the shoulder.

8. (Original) A valve according to claim 6, wherein the clamping collar has a larger diameter than the shoulder.

9. (Original) A valve according to claim 1, wherein the valve housing, including the clamping collar, is made of sheet metal.

10. (Original) A valve according to claim 1, wherein the clamping collar has a radially protruding stamping burr formed along an outer rim thereof.

11. (New) A valve according to claim 1, wherein the filter comprises a filter housing and the clamping collar penetrates partially into a wall of the filter housing.